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In re Application of : Nickolas Edward Sargent et al :

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Application No. 09/335,851

ON PETITION

Filed: June 14, 1999

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 17, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 21, 2000, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 22, 2001.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

There is no indication that petitioner has submitted an Issue Fee Transmittal Form (PTOL-85b). Accordingly, if petitioner desires to have the information normally found thereon printed on the patent, the attached blank Issue Fee Transmittal Form should be completed and returned to the Publishing Division, Box Issue Fee, within ONE MONTH from the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

• The application is being forwarded to the Publishing Division.

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Attachment: Blank Issue Fee Transmittal PTOL-85